

LET no hoodler escape.

A FEW of the country "exchanges" are printing Hon. Dave Francis' counterfeit presentment. Whenever I see his picture it reminds me that in 1896 and 1900 he was conspicuous by reason of his absence from the councils of the Democratic party.

If anybody will give me a \$1000 bill I promise to "salt it down" until all danger of embarrassing inquiry as to when and how and where I obtained it shall have passed. I have all along contended that we needed a higher grade of intelligence in our State Legislatures.

It's wrong to "hurt" the World's Fair or to "slander" Missouri by telling the truth, but it's not wrong to steal a man's vote—Missouri State Republican.

Verily! I am not the one to countenance the stealing of votes any more than dollars. But even if everything charged against the St. Louis Democratic "machine" be true, it can well reply to the Republican "machine," "The villainy you have taught me I do but execute."

STANDING room on this old earth is not nearly so superabundant as it was a hundred years ago—President Roosevelt and his large-family conferees to the contrary notwithstanding—and the problem of the future will be to provide a living for the denser populations. Wars and pestilences may give temporary relief, but, with the passing of filth and savagery, they are losing potency. The future Roosevelt may seek by law to limit procreation and the Federal Courts can be relied upon to work the injunction to its limit.

THE hoodling investigation goes merrily on, and I hope no guilty man may escape; but there is one thing in connection with the investigation that troubles my mind: how do the city papers get their information as to what transpires in the grand jury room? All the jurors and witnesses are sworn to keep secret all that occurs therein, and out here in the country if one divulges anything he renders himself liable to prosecution. Perhaps we are behind the times in this as we are in many other matters pertaining to the more advanced conditions of urban life. And then, maybe, the big city papers are mostly lying.

THIS Burdick-Pennell scandal blotches humanity and weakens one's faith in his fellow-man—and woman. The woman's testimony before the court is of brazen sinning such as marked the closing days of ancient Rome, and was, if one may trust the papers, given without a blush of shame or tremor of guilt. Another woman, a member of the B.-D. class in society, of whose idle hands Satan makes ample use, declares that there are a dozen cases in their set equally as disreputable, only no husband has been killed to call forth the facts. "Easy street" often leads to perdition, yet how few but are willing to sell their souls to secure a habitation thereon.

I SUGGEST to the St. Louis grand jury, whose tentacles are gathering in the wrongdoers from the State-at-large, that it put forth another octopus arm and take in those papers which lent their aid to the get-rich-quick concerns and betrayed the confidence of the public. If those papers' managers knew the Arnolds and Christys were swindlers at the time they were publishing their seductive advertisements, then all concerned were equally guilty—were particeps criminis. The St. Louis World says some of the papers received "fancy" prices for the space given to these exploiters, and intimates that the sums so paid and taken were in the nature of "hush money." I can hardly believe that, but if those papers are as tender of their reputations as they ought to be they will see to it that there is the fullest investigation and the completest vindication.

"JUST why the innocent purchaser of a fraudulent bond is entitled to legal protection while the buyer of a stolen horse is not, is vexatious to the ordinary mind, but it doesn't bother the average court of justice a bit—not even when everybody knows the purchaser was not nearly so 'innocent' as he swears in the petition. In the instance of the horse, if A buys him from B, A can make B pay him back the purchase money when the fact that the animal was stolen is determined. Why not the same rule apply in the case of the bond?"—Iron County Register.

Because it isn't the "law," Bro. Ake. If the men who deal in horses and cattle and other products of the farm had been as active in securing favorable legislation as the men who deal in stocks and bonds, the law might be different. You see, it is quite necessary that the "innocent purchaser" should be protected. Otherwise the "business" men would have no place to dump their gold bricks—and this would tend to disturb "business."—Scott County Kicker.

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—AND—

### ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS

By the County Board of Equalization of Iron County, Mo., for the year 1903.

TO WHOM ASSESSED.	ACRES	DESCRIPTION.	VALUATION	ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT	TOTAL VALUATION
A & W K Nimick	78...	pt w h f w qr.	1630 4e	\$ 120 8	290
Same	80...	n h f w qr.	1630 4e	130	400
Same	40...	se qr w qr.	1630 4e	80	200
Emmanuel Gunnett	80...	n h f w qr.	1452 3e	130	220
Same	40...	se qr w qr.	1452 3e	150	250
Warwick Hough	40...	pt lots 2 and 3 w qr.	4 33 4e	3000	2800
S W Andrews	7.50	pt lots 3 and 4 w qr.	4 33 4e	1500	2000
Hugo Summa	4.25	sw cor e of lot 5 ne qr.	5 33 4e	2370	3000
J W Wick	2.00	cen pt e of lot 5 ne qr.	5 33 4e	1320	1740
TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS.					
Mary E Kitchell	lots 67 S	dk 8.	...	...	150
G A Buckley	lot 6	dk 2.	...	...	220
Thomas Newman	...	w add frl blk 6.	...	...	550
ANCADA.					
Louis Miller	lot 6.	...	...	...	300
J A Simpson	lot 22.	...	...	...	200
S F Hingo, personal property.	...	...	...	...	900
John Mangold,	...	...	...	...	1000
Mamie Baird	...	...	...	...	200
T S Lopez & Sons, pers prop.	...	...	...	...	1000
Joseph Kechner,	...	...	...	...	195

### STATE OF MISSOURI.

WM. T. O'NEAL, Clerk of the County Court, and ex-Officio Secretary of the Board of Equalization for Iron County, Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and complete copy of the increase in valuation made by said Board during its session commencing April 6th and ending April 8th, 1903; and that the Board will meet at the office of the County Clerk of Iron County, Missouri, on the

FOURTH MONDAY IN APRIL, 1903,

to hear and determine any or all appeals that may be taken from the foregoing valuations. Witness my hand and seal of said Court, at office, in Ironton, Missouri, this 9th day of April, 1903.

WM. T. O'NEAL, Clerk and Ex-Officio Sec'y of Board.

Mr. Ingalls, of Cincinnati, so-called Democratic candidate for mayor, was snowed under at the late municipal election. He, being a man with great railroad interests, was too honest and too good to support the Democratic nominee for President in 1896 and 1900. Hence I shed no tears over his defeat. He chose the \$ in preference to principle, and I am willing that he devote the remainder of his life to the worship of his god. If he and his kind attain to the New Jerusalem with golden streets the Eternal City will soon need repaving, and a syndicate of "sound money" people will control the harp market, the silvery sounds of the angel choir will be relegated to the "crank" department, and shining yellow made the badge of admission through the pearly gates. How we drag our poor, sordid, earthy clings with us into the heaven we create for ourselves! But perhaps it is rightly so, since otherwise how inadequate would seem the final reward offered for the pains suffered in the flesh.

In reading the big city paper these days—that is, to read it understandingly—one must read between the lines. It is outwardly highly virtuous; that is, it lauds virtue and honest dealing in the abstract, and denounces, with scathing invective, dishonesty and wrong-doing, public or private, so long as the advertising counter does not suffer. After Arnold had closed his shop and fled the country "for his country's good," one journal coolly announced that it had known for a year that his business was a fake and a swindle. Yet up to the very day of his skipping out that paper published his advertisements without a word of warning to the public regarding the character of his "business." 'Tis true, that sheet was not the only "honest money" paper in the city which did this, but none of the others, so far as I have heard, claimed to know at the time that Arnold was a thief and a swindler. A strong suspicion is in the minds of the people they did know it, and that the advertisements were in the nature of bribes to keep these papers from telling all they knew or suspected. If this be the case, the offence against the public is as much to be condemned and deserves as severe reprobation as is rightly given the hoodling legislator or other official.

all. All are betrayers of trust, and all have betrayed those who reposed confidence in their honor and integrity. At least that is the way it appears to one who has no bias from either ill-will or through having suffered in haste to get-rich-quick. So, when one reads those upper-air and solar walk editorials, framed to charm the angels from heaven into the sanctum-sanctorum of the pure-souled city daily, he—well, he must make allowances and consider how pleasant 'tis for one sinner in a certain way to everlastingly damn other people guilty of sinning in other directions.

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The St. Louis Republic Offers Fourteen Splendid Rewards to Subscribers.

An interesting announcement appears in that metropolitan newspaper, the St. Louis Republic, in a form of a profit-sharing offer to any one now a subscriber or willing to become a subscriber of the Republic. A big sum of \$10,000 is to be paid in rewards for good judgment and skill. It is possible to earn all the way from \$10 up to \$5,000.

The Republic's subscribers are invited to estimate upon the number of admissions to the World's Fair grounds upon the occasion of the grand dedicatory ceremonies, April 30, 1903, of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. The subscriber whose estimate comes nearest the official record will receive \$5,000, the next will get \$2,500, and an additional sum of \$2,500 will be divided in rewards ranging from \$1,000 down to \$10 among those whose estimates most nearly approximate the official record of admissions. A payment of \$7.80 will provide for the delivery of the daily and Sunday Republic for not less than one year, or \$6 will pay for six annual subscriptions to the Twice-a-week Republic, and if the remittance is received on or before 4 p. m. of April 29, 1903, the person sending it can make six estimates. More estimates may be made by extending a subscription beyond one year, or by organizing clubs and inducing others to subscribe.

Complete information as to the conditions of this contest, together with blanks will be found in the Daily, Sunday and Twice-a-week editions of the Republic from April 2d until April 29, 1903, or will be mailed to any one upon application. All communications and estimates should be addressed to the REPUBLIC PROFIT-SHARING BUREAU, Call box 201, St. Louis, Mo.



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